

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed 22 March 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 60 and 62 have been amended. Claims 56, 58, 61 and 63 have been cancelled. Claims 57, 60, and 62 are pending in this application, with claim 62 being the independent claim. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended, and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed 22 March 2006, all rejections of the claims in view of the prior art were withdrawn.

Claims 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner stated that there was no support for excluding binders from the web. (Office Action, pages 2 and 3).

Independent claim 62 has been amended to recite that the paper product comprising a fiber layer and on the fiber layer is disposed a layer of precipitated calcium carbonate particles of a size in the range of 0.5 - 100 nm, and wherein the layer of particles does not comprise a binder. Amended claim 62 is supported in the specification at page 5, lines 27 to 31, which states that the applied layer of particles does not have to include a binder.


In view of the amendment of independent claim 62, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 62 is patentable. Dependent claims 57 and 60 are patentable for the same reasons that independent claim 62 is patentable. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Respectfully submitted,

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